



Wrightsville United Methodist Preschool News September 10, 2017

We are off to a great start this school year! On behalf of the entire staff, I want you to know how delighted we are with all of your beautiful children! We appreciate this opportunity to share in their preschool experience.

For the first few weeks of school, we will be focusing on getting to know one another and learning our school rules and routines. We will take this time to observe and assess each child's special abilities and social skills. In this way, the staff can tailor lesson plans to meet individual needs and set goals for the entire class.

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to all the parents who have already signed up for Snack and our "Letter of the Week" Program. The generous "Wish List" donations have been greatly appreciated! Parental support has always been essential in making our program a success!

-- *Ruth*

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING DATES:

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| Sept. 14 | Thurs. | This will be our first Lunch Bunch and Chapel Time (please read below for further details) |
| Sept. 28/30 | Thurs. | All Scholastic Book Orders due. See below for details. |
| Oct. 5 | Thurs. | DONUTS WITH DADS AND OTHER COOL DUDES!
Bright and Early: 8:45 a.m. (details below)
Please note, this date has changed from the original calendar. |



Donuts for Dads and other Cool Dudes!

Be sure to note the Bright and Early time of 8:45 am on Thursday, October 5th! After enjoying donuts, milk and juice with the kids, upstairs in the Fellowship Hall, we invite our Dads down to visit the classrooms and playground!

We would love to keep you all day, BUT we have important kid stuff to attend to ☺. So..... fathers, uncles, grandfathers, etc. will dismiss between 9:15 and 9:30. We are looking forward to seeing you!

We would love to have 4 or 5 Moms help with serving and clean up on the morning of Donuts with Dad. This would include arriving at 8:30 am and staying through clean up which should only take until about 9:30. Please sign up on the Preschool Bulletin Board if you can help!

First Lunch Bunch and Chapel Time

This Thursday, Sept. 14 will be our first Chapel Time and Lunch Bunch. Please be sure you have turned in your form on time. Extra forms are on the Preschool Bulletin Board.

We attend Chapel every Thursday from 11:50-12:10. Chapel Time is lead each week by one of our Preschool Staff, on a rotating basis. We begin with a " Letter of the Week" Bible verse, followed by a children's lesson, prayers and singing.

Lunch box tips! Please remember to pack a napkin and drink. We don't have the ability to heat or refrigerate lunches, so if your child has soup or something similar, it should be in a thermos. Please include an ice pack if your child has something that needs to stay cold. A special request from the staff...if your child has a Go-Gurt or something similar, please freeze it the night before. We've been slimed many times opening Go-Gurts that have liquefied by lunch time!

Letter of the Week Update

When you are scheduled for the Letter of the Week, please remember to let us know at least one week in advance what date and time you wish to come in. Be sure and share details about your letter activity, so we can include it in our lesson plans. If you get stumped and would like us to brainstorm with you, don't hesitate to ask! Thank you!

Scholastic Reading Club Orders – Leigh Lewis – Threes Co-Teacher - Handles Book Orders for All Our Classes

Every time you order a book, we earn points toward free books for our school. In fact, approximately 75% of our preschool library has been earned through Scholastic. We hope you will take time to review these book orders with your children. There are many great values and selections for a wide variety of ages. Book Order forms were put in your child's cubby last week.

OUR ONLINE SCHOLASTIC CLASS CODE FOR ALL CLASSES IS: P8PXL

Since this is our first month, book orders are due by Thursday, Sept. 28th (if giving form and payment directly to Leigh and make checks payable directly to SCHOLASTIC) you may also order online up until Sept. 30th. Typically, all book orders will be due mid-month to make sure seasonal books arrive in plenty of time.

If you order online, please use the class code listed above for school credit and free shipping, as books will be shipped directly to the school with all our other orders. **If you have any questions please see Mrs. Leigh (Co- Teacher in the Threes Class),**. Remember, there is no better way to help your child become an independent reader than to read to them daily! They'll just love you for it!!!

Jackets and Sweaters in the Classrooms

If your child is typically cold natured, you may want to send in a light weight jacket or sweater on a regular basis. The temperatures vary greatly in the classrooms and it is always cooler in Mrs. Teresa's and Mrs. Megan's Classroom, than in the other rooms. Be sure to label these items!

Safe Shoes at School

Please remember your child will be running, jumping, swinging, peddling, skipping and climbing on the playground. For your child's safety, it is school policy that they wear shoes that fit securely on their feet. Flip flops, Crocs, slick bottomed shoes are not appropriate footwear for the playground. Sneakers are ideal and sandals which strap on securely are also acceptable. Thank you in advance for helping us with this.

Preschool Directories

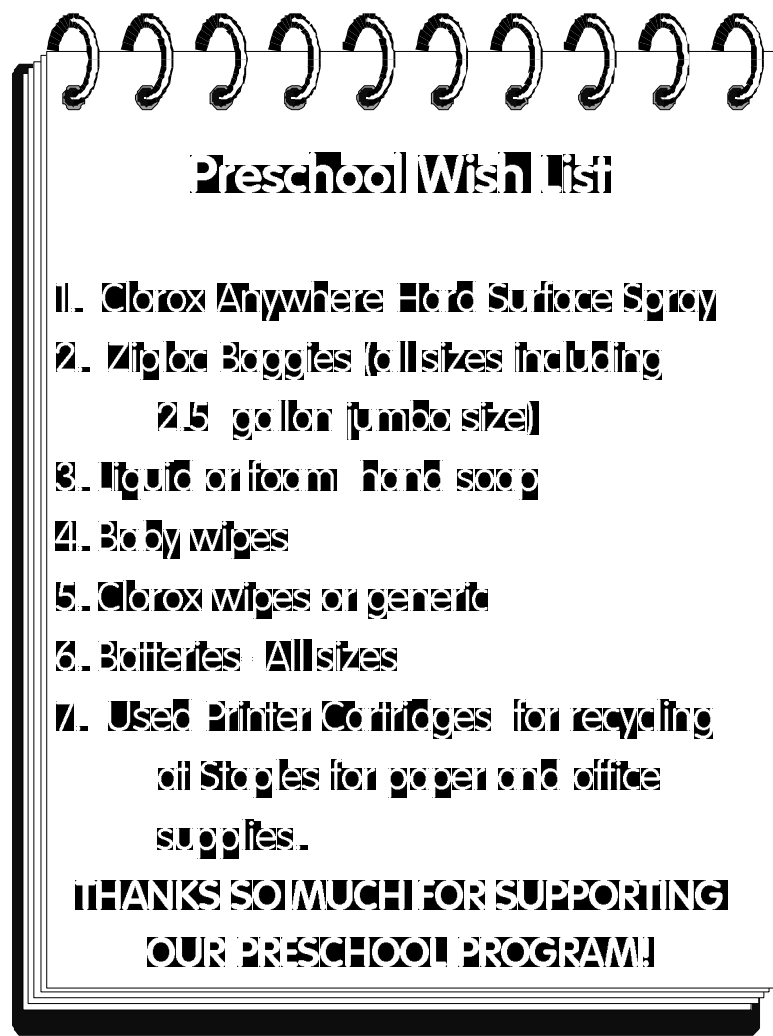
Directories will be sent via email by the end of the week. They are intended **solely** for use within our preschool family, making it easy to contact each other for play dates, carpooling, parties and other special happenings.

One Preschool Opening

We still have one spot open in Mrs. Johnna and Mrs. Leigh's class for this school year. We would love for a new student to not miss a beat, and be able to start right away!! Please share this info with family, friends and newcomers to the area!

Questions or Concerns?

Feel free to talk with staff about any questions or concerns that you may have. Please understand, when dropping children off first thing in the morning, to keep conversations short. Greeting the children and helping them have a smooth transition into the classroom is our top priority at that time. Our staff will be happy to talk with you after Good-bye Time or by phone in the afternoon or evening. Just let us know! Thanks! Ruth



Safety Reminders:



PLEASE

Help Us Facilitate a Safe and Orderly Lunch Bunch Dismissal

Weather permitting, we will all be on the playground when it is time to pick up your child from Lunch Bunch. A staff member will be stationed by the playground door with the Lunch Bunch List. **To facilitate a safe and orderly dismissal, wait in the preschool hallway by the door and when we check your child off the list, we will then release them to you.** Please be sure other adults who may be picking up your child are aware of this security measure as well.



**PRESCHOOL FAMILIES
HOLD HANDS IN THE PARKING LOT! ☺**

All students must be escorted to and from their classroom door by an adult. We use "walking feet" and "inside voices" in the hallways because we want to be respectful of church staff working in their offices and of other groups meeting in the building. Thank you very much!

If you would like to help, this form will be available on the preschool bulletin board.



We Need Four or Five
Mom Volunteers

the morning of Donuts with Dad!

Please sign up below if you are available to come
the morning of Thursday, Oct. 5th from 8:30-9:30
to help with serving and clean up.

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Thank you!